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TITLE METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR SECURELY PROVIDING
 KEYS TO ENCODE AND DECODE DATA IN A STORAGE CARTRIDGE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to a final office action dated September 20, 2007 (“FOA”), in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants cancel non-method claims 18-43. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1-17 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Applicants further attach hereto a copy of a previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), Form 1449, which the Examiner initialed in the Office Action dated Nov. 16, 2004. Applicants request the Examiner to initial the first reference on page 2 of the 1449 to indicate that all references were reviewed.

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